

Agency 73 - Landscape Architects

Statutory Authority:

In 1967, legislation was passed to require the registration of the profession and practice of landscape architecture in the State of Nebraska. The Professional Landscape Architects Act, Sections 81-8,184 to 81-8,208 created the Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects. The Rules and Regulations, Title 231, became effective June 23, 1997.

Vision Statement:

The Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects is committed to protection of health, safety and welfare of the public by ensuring registration of technically competent individuals to practice the profession of landscape architecture and use the title "Landscape Architect."

Mission Statement:

The State Board of Landscape Architects strives to provide public safety, health and welfare by ensuring registration of individuals who use the title "Landscape Architect" and practice the profession of landscape architecture within the State. The Board ensures monies spent meet rigorous standards of evaluation. Through powers and duties granted by legislation, the Board works toward development of public understanding and the practice of Landscape Architecture. Board members work cooperatively with the Board of Engineers and Architects to obtain administrative assistance needed to carry out the Act.

Goals:

The Board will complete the following goals during the 2007-2009 biennium through the efforts and resources of the agency:

1. Introduction of new legislation to revise the current statutes to better reflect the current definition and practice of the profession.
2. Revision of Statutes and Title 231, Rules and Regulations, to create a fee structure to cover anticipated future expenditures.
3. Continue updating the internal process checklists as needed.
4. Continue to update the Board's existing website design and database.
5. Review continuing education requirements.
6. Evaluate fee structures in comparison to other states and decide level necessary to maintain operational needs.
7. Educate and inform other Nebraska agencies and citizens regarding public protection and benefits of professional registration for landscape architects.
8. Conduct an annual review to monitor progress, and assess additional or changing needs to refine the Board's vision, mission, management processes and service delivery methods.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	10,484	14,814	21,480	21,216	22,050	21,793
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Program Objectives:

The Board will pursue completion of the following objectives during the 2007-2009:

1. Revision of the Statutes and Rules and Regulations to allow fee changes and study administrative costs to see if they can be reduced.
2. Introduction of new legislation to revise the current statutes to better reflect current definition and practice of the profession, model law developed by CLARB (Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards), ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects), and align with other agencies such as the Board of Engineers and Architects.
3. Continue to hold annual visioning sessions.
4. Continue to study and review continuing education requirements.
5. Continue to update the website for registrants and public.

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Performance Measures:

At the end of FY 2001/2002 there were approximately 75 licensed landscape architects. As of July 31, 2006, the number increased to 83. The most significant increase in licensees occurred in the last two fiscal years. The Board hopes to see a gradual increase in licensees as the public sector becomes more aware of the importance of environmental and cultural sustainability. Design of exterior spaces associated with buildings, non-structural storm water management systems, landforms, soil conservation and erosion control, site lighting systems, irrigation systems, as well as pedestrian and vehicular transportation systems in Nebraska has contributed to a growing need for landscape architects.

The historic cost of services per licensee is as follows:

FY 00/01, \$92
FY 01/02, \$91
FY 02/03, \$115
FY 03/04, \$117
FY 04/05, \$112
FY 05/06, \$126

Projected cost of services per licensee (excluding projected examination fee revenue) is as follows:

FY 06/07, \$190
FY 07/08, \$221
FY 08/09, \$218